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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING
WITH COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR ON ILO, HUMAN RIGHTS, NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT, AND ILLICIT PAYMENTS

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG (ACCOMPANIED BY POOLE) MET JULY 13
WITH COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR HECTOR CHARRY-SAMPER AT THE LAT-
TER'S REQUEST. (CHARRY-SAMPER IS COLOMBIAN PERMREP IN
GENEVA, HEAD OF THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION TO THE CURRENT
ECOSOC AND THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77 IN GENEVA.)

2. THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC CHARRY-SAMPER WISHED TO DISCUSS
WAS THE ILO, HAVING JUST ASSUMED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE
ILO GOVERNING BODY. HE SAID HE WAS VERY WORRIED OVER THE
CONTINUED ABSENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND HOPED THAT
MOVES COULD BE MADE SOON FOR OUR RE-ENTRY. FOR ONE THING,
HE WAS CONCERNED OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIETS WHO ARE
ATTEMPTING TO ARRIVE AT AN ACCEPTED REDEFINITION OF EMPLOY-
ER REPRESENTATIVES TO MEAN THE GOVERNMENTAL MANAGERS OF
PLANNED ECONOMIES. THE SOVIETS WERE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO ES-
TABLISH IN ILO THE UNCTAD SYSTEM OF REGIONAL GROUPS, WHICH
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WOULD GIVE THEM A ROTATIONAL RIGHT TO HIGH OFFICES. THE
SOVIETS HAVE AN ADVANTAGE, HE THOUGHT, IN THE ABSENCE OF
THE US. FOR ANOTHER THING, ILO REORGANIZATION WAS GOING
AHEAD, WITHOUT US PARTICIPATION.

3. AMBASSADOR YOUNG EXPLAINED THE POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF
THE US WITHDRAWAL, AND ALSO EXPLAINED THAT ACTIVE CONSIDER-

ATION IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO HOW AND WHEN WE MIGHT RETURN. WHEN CHARRY-SAMPER MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF VISITING WASHINGTON SOMETIME BEFORE NOVEMBER, AMB YOUNG SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SEE BOTH SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL AND GEORGE MEANEY. HE ALSO SUGGESTED KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL.

4. CHARRY-SAMPER ALSO MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLY CONFLICTING REGIONAL APPROACHES TO LABOR THAT PLACED HIM IN SOMEWHAT OF A DILEMMA. HE EXPLAINED THAT OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN ASKING FORMER US SECRETARY OF LABOR WILLARD WIRTZ AND FORMER ARGENTINE MINISTER OF LABOR RUBEN SAN SEBASTIAN TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TRIPARTITE LABOR ORGANIZATION AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY OF THE OAS - A SUBJECT THAT MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AT THE UPCOMING MEETING IN LIMA OF HEMISPHERIC MINISTERS OF LABOR. PARALLELING THIS WILL BE THE UPCOMING ILO LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL MEETING.

5. CHARRY-SAMPER THEN TURNED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, COLOMBIA BEING A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION AND NOW ALSO OF THE FIVE-MEMBER SUBCOMMISSION ON COMMUNICATIONS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED AT THE CONTINUING APPLICATION OF A DOUBLE STANDARD UNDER WHICH THE SOVIET AND AFRICAN OFFENDERS WERE TREATED LIGHTLY WHILE WESTERN-ORIENTED COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA SERVED AS SCAPEGOATS. HE SAID A CONFIDENTIAL

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THOUSAND DEATHS IN ETHIOPIA SEEMED TO BE LESS IMPORTANT THAN A HUNDRED BEATINGS IN CHILE. HE STATED THAT AS LONG AS THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CONTINUED TO IGNORE OR DOWNPLAY OFFENSES ELSEWHERE, HE HIMSELF WOULD NO LONGER VOTE AGAINST CHILE OR OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

6. CHARRY-SAMPER SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DISORGANIZATION WITHIN THE GROUP OF 77 AND THE FACT THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, COMPRISING A MAJORITY OF G-77 MEMBERS, WAS ABLE TO FORCE ITS POSITIONS THROUGH THE G-77. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER THE INCREASING LEADERSHIP ROLE OF CUBA IN THE NAM, WHICH MADE A MOCKERY OF THE TERM "NON-ALIGNED". FOR THESE REASONS COLOMBIA IS GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO JOINING THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT SO AS TO CONTRIBUTE A MODERATING INFLUENCE.

7. CHARRY-SAMPER WAS ALSO WORRIED OVER CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AND WONDERED WHETHER THIS MIGHT FORETELL OF A POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF CUBAN INTERVENTIONISM IN LATIN AMERICA, ALBEIT THE CUBANS WERE AT PRESENT QUITE CIRCUMSPECT IN LATIN AMERICA. AMB. YOUNG THOUGHT THE CUBANS HAD NOT BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN AFRICA AS IT MIGHT SEEM, WITNESS

THE FACT THAT BOTH ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE WERE
NOW SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM PORTUGUESE TECHNICIANS AND FROM
OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES.

8. AMB YOUNG TOOK THE OCCASION TO ASK CHARRY-SAMPER, IN
HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77, TO DO WHAT HE COULD
TO GIVE A HELPING HAND TO THE US INITIATIVE ON AN ECOSOC
RESOLUTION TO CONVOKE A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE ON AN
ILLICIT PAYMENTS CONVENTION. CHARRY-SAMPER SAID HE WOULD
INDEED HELP US ON THIS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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